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Dear Doctor:

I am writing to urge your participation in the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). The National Center for Health Statistics has invested many years in developing this unique study, which I believe has emerged as a sound and valuable mechanism for collecting national data on office-based, ambulatory practice.

Endorsement by the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the support generated among all physicians are indispensable in continuation of this research program. There is considerable interest in gaining such information, which can prove to be an original, invaluable base for planning and organizing health services, assessing health facility and manpower requirements, determining possible modifications in medical education programs, and providing increased knowledge reflecting the natural history and epidemiology of disease in the ambulatory setting.

I believe you will find the survey design minimizes the amount of record keeping and time involved and maximizes the utility of the data collected. In addition, strict confidentiality provisions are to be maintained, with only summary data to be published and made available to the medical profession, health planners, researchers, and the public.

I am confident that the information derived will be well worth the extra, individual effort expended by participating physicians like you. Again, I urge your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested.

Sincerely,



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